

SENATE BILL 3727

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
relative to safety.

WHEREAS, Many home schools are conducted in environments that are designed for multiple uses by groups of people; and

WHEREAS, Some fire safety and codes inspectors are enforcing more stringent standards for home school organizations than for other organizations that use the same or a similar building; and

WHEREAS, Safety is always paramount and should never be compromised, but unreasonable restrictions interfere with the opportunities for home school students to exercise their rights to obtain an education; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 102, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 68-102-154. When the principal purpose of a facility is not for educational purposes, neither the state fire marshal nor any inspector who contracts with the state shall enforce fire safety codes applicable to a school. The state fire marshal or any inspector who contracts with the state shall enforce the fire safety codes that are applicable to the facility, even though educational activities may be conducted at the facility.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 120, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 68-120-119. When the principal purpose of a facility is not for educational purposes, neither the state fire marshal nor any inspector who contracts with the state shall enforce building codes applicable to a school. The state fire marshal or

any inspector who contracts with the state shall enforce the building codes that are applicable to the facility, even though educational activities may be conducted at the facility.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.